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d) a nucleotide sequence which encodes a portion of the amino acid sequence according to SEQ ID NO:2, wherein said portion is the mature protein, and

e) a part of SEQ ID NO. 1 which encodes the amino acid sequence according to SEQ ID NO:13.

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27. (Amended) A protein according to claim 11, wherein the protein is a dimer.

Please add new claims 28 and 29 as follows:

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28. (New) A pharmaceutical composition for application in cases where angiogenesis is advantageous or desired and which comprises at least one isolated protein of the TGF- $\beta$  family encoded by an isolated DNA molecule which comprises a sequence selected from the group consisting of

- (a) the sequence shown in SEQ ID NO:1,
- (b) a part of SEQ ID NO:1 which encodes nucleotide 1783-2142 and encodes the mature protein,
- (c) a nucleotide sequence which encodes the amino acid sequence according to SEQ ID NO: 2,
- (d) a nucleotide sequence which encodes a portion of the amino acid sequence according to SEQ ID NO:2, wherein said portion is the mature protein, and
- (e) a nucleotide sequence which encodes a portion of the amino acid sequence according to SEQ ID NO. 2, wherein said portion comprises the seven cysteine as shown in SEQ ID NO. 13.--

--29 An isolated protein of the TGF- $\beta$  family encoded by an isolated DNA molecule which comprises a sequence selected from the group consisting of: